IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing foam from discharging through an opening of a wall of a hollow body to be foam-filled, which comprises the steps of:

applying a destructible material layer between a reinforcing layer having a hole formed therein overlapping the opening and a section of the wall surrounding the opening and the opening of the hollow body;

making at least one connection between the section of the wall and the reinforcing layer without substantial heating of the wall or of the reinforcing layer at a distance from the opening, the distance being smaller than a longest dimension of the destructible material layer;

subsequently foam-filling the hollow body; and

removing the destructible material layer in an area of the opening.

2. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises driving the connection through the destructible material layer.

3. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises making the connection by one of driving a connecting body of the wall into the reinforcing layer and driving a connecting body of the reinforcing layer into the wall.

4. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, which further comprises driving the connecting body of the wall into the reinforcing part.

5. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises using at least one of a layer of paper, a film of plastic and a metallic foil as the destructible material layer.

6. (Previously presented) A foam-filled hollow body, comprising:

a wall having an opening formed therein;

a reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and disposed with said hole overlapping said opening of said wall;

a destructible layer disposed between said wall and said reinforcing part, said destructible layer covering said wall opening and said reinforcing part hole;

said wall and said reinforcing part being connected to each other by a mechanical connection made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part, which might damage said destructible layer, and a distance of said connection from said opening being sufficient that said destructible layer is secured against any substantial offsetting to uncover said wall opening or said reinforcing part hole and that an uncovering of said opening covered by said destructible layer by contact of said destructible layer with said connection is excluded.

7. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein said connection extends through said destructible layer.

8. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein said connection is one of a rivet connection and a clinch connection.

9. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the hollow body is a housing of a refrigerating appliance.

10. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 9, wherein said opening is disposed on a front side of said housing and is provided for mounting a hinge.

11. (New) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the mechanical connection is formed outside of said wall opening.

12. (New) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the mechanical connection does not pierce through said destructible layer where said destructible covers said wall opening.

13. (New) A foam-filled hollow body, comprising:

a wall having an opening formed therein;

a reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and overlapping said opening of said wall;

a destructible layer disposed between said wall and said reinforcing part, said destructible layer covering said wall opening and said reinforcing part hole; and

a mechanical connection formed in said wall outside of said wall opening and connecting said wall and said reinforcing part to each other, wherein the mechanical connection is made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part.

14. (New) The hollow body according to claim 13, wherein the mechanical connection distorts said wall and said reinforcing part.